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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/418,887 filed October 15, 1999, which is a divisional of 08/946,869 filed October 8, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of 08/727,688 filed on October 8, 1996 from which priority is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Applicants believe claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance and such action is requested.



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